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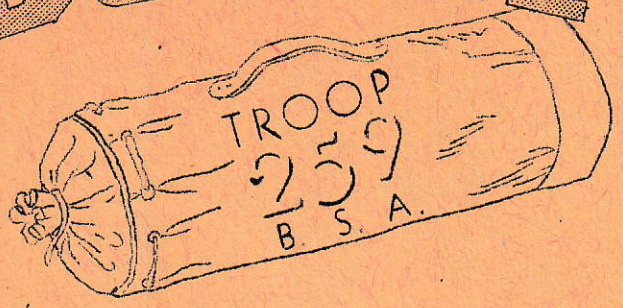

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24 REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP - - -

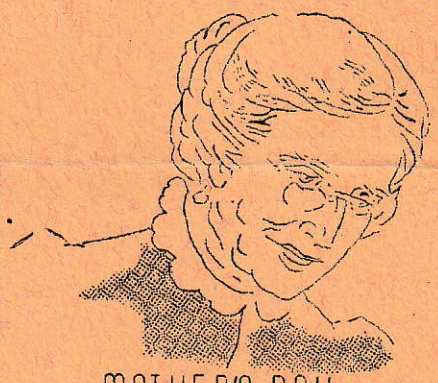
85 ATTENDED FATHER & SON BANQUET

It was a full house at our Father & Son Banquet, held on April 16th in the School Hall.

The meal was so good some Dad's could'nt believe their own eyes but, when they tasted it, well I'm getting hungry just thinking about it.

The program rolled along very nicely and in leaving the hall everyone agreed that they had a most enjoyable evening. It was time well spent. The Troop Leaders and Committeemen were very pleased to see so many Father's present at the banquet and they promis us a better one next year.

The Leaders are also planning on having some sort of Dinner for the Scouts and their Mothers before the end of this year.



MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 11

FOREST PRESERVES GIVE WARNING

The following notice has been recieved from the Forest Preserve General Superintendent.

No handaxes or hunting knives may be carried at any time or place within the forest preserve district except by an adult leader. Any handaxes or hunting knives found in the possession of any scout will be confiscated.

Spring is here and Summer camp time is just around the corner.

This Summer 24 scouts will enjoy 15 days of camp-life at Camp Wilderness, one of the Owasippe Scout Camps located near Whitehall, Michigan.

In charge of the scouts at Summer Camp will be George Monzel our Scoutmaster and 3 Jr. Leaders.

Hikes, swims, canoe trips, etc. will be included in this years Summer Camping.

There is still an opening for only one more scout to attend Summer Camp. If you would like to go to Summer Camp and have not registered for it, see the Scoutmaster and you may be the lucky one to still get in on the fun and adventure of Summer camp-life.

All scouts are to pay their final camp payment on June 25th.

CICERO CAMPOREE NEXT MONTH

Prepare now to attend the Cicero Camporee, which will be held on June 20, 21 & 22nd.

An entirely new and different kind of program will be used this year and we are sure that all of the Scouts will find greater enjoyment in this program.

Start working on the Patrol skit for the campfire, the menu for your Patrol meals and your Patrol project.

Let's show the rest of the Troops just how good 259 really is.

Can we do it?

ANOTHER EAGLE SCOUT ON THE WAY

On Monday, April 28 Jack Chapek Jr. ASM appeared before the Troop Board of Review and successfully passed his first Eagle Scout review.

Jacks' next step is to appear before the West Side Board of Review, which will meet on Monday, May 12th.

All of the Leaders, Committeemen and Scouts wish Jack the best of luck on his next review.

With Jacks' knowledge and experiences of Scouting we are almost certain that he will be the Third Eagle Scout of Troop 259.

"On until were Eagles all."

odds and ends

The hike Sunday, Apr. 27th was terrific. 16 Scouts braved the cold air, which later in the day changed to real spring weather.

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Flash! Football special. Final score 18-6. Who won??? Your guess is as good as ours. All we saw was Scouts scattered on the ground.

The ball very seldom touched the ground.

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Extra:- Geo. Monzel's Rockets were really shattered in a baseball game Sunday by Sisul's Rockets Smashers by a score of 28-1. The game lasted only 3 innings because the Smashers could'nt count any higher.

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We hope that someday real soon our Scouts will be able to tell time. Only 8 scouts were on time for the hike. Maybe we need a special instruction in time telling and promptness.

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Well, Shorty did it again. The Scouts that hiked with Shorty from Jackson & Harlem to Thatcher Woods made the two miles in ½ hour.

Nice going Shorty. (Shorty is our S.P.L.)

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I wonder if that steak our leaders cooked was as good as it looked.

If it was they probably were sick from eating paper.

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for this month will be held on May 21. Now that four of the Scouts have broken our standstill let's keep the ball rolling.

Rember all Tenderfoot Scouts are to be 2nd Class before they can go to Summer Camp.

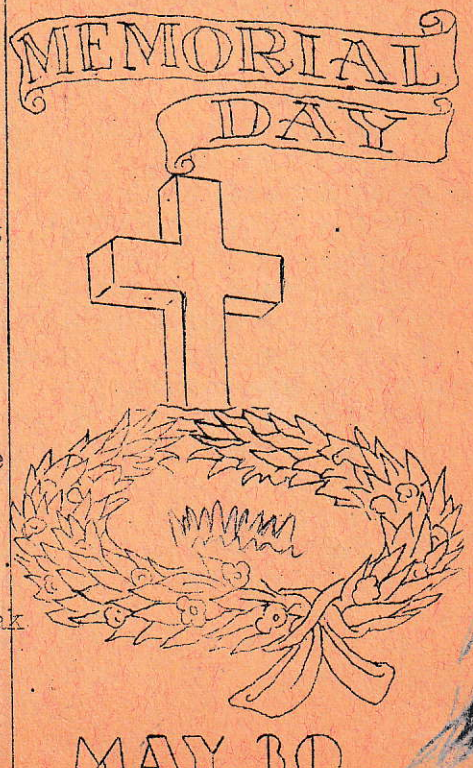
GREEN BAR MEETING

There will be no Green Bar Meeting this month, unless otherwise announced at the Troop meeting.

SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a special meeting for all leaders from Ass'nt Patrol Leaders to Troop Committeemen, on Sunday May 18th at the Cicero Welfare Center, 5341 West Cermak Road.

Keep this date open.



Four Scouts Advance In Rank

Determined to put our Troop back on top in advancement, the following Scouts were advanced in rank.

To the rank of 2nd class Scout:
Robert Lew
Thomas Warczak

To the rank of 1st Class Scout:
Robert Bernard

Recommended to appear before the District Eagle Board of Review:
Jack Chapek

Our heartiest congratulations to all of you for the fine achievements you have made. We hope that others will soon follow in your foot-steps.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Troop Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 21st. All members are urged to please be present for this important meeting.

BILLY CADWELL HIKE

On Saturday, May 31 the Troop will conduct a hike in the Billy Caldwell Woods.

The troop will meet in front of the Troop meeting Hall at 8:30 A.M. and will return home at 5:30 P.M.

Uniforms will not be worn on this hike.

Crowning of the May Queen

Sunday, May 25th

Owasippe Scout Song

All the wealth of
earth and heaven,
Bless thy woods and
dales,
Over all thy lakes
and forest happy
youth prevails.
So may Scoutings bond
of friendship seal
our loyalty,
To the camp so dear
to memory,
Hail, Owasippe.

All scouts going to Summer Camp should learn this song.

FIRST AID TEAM WINS "B" RATING

The Wolf Patrol which entered the West Side District First Aid meet on April 25th missed the "A" rating by 1 point.

The Scouts worked very hard and were very determined to win top honors, but as will happen to the best of teams they took a set back.

The Leaders are very proud of the effort and determination displayed by the team and for this a special treat is in store for all of the members of the Wolf Patrol first aid team.

Congratulations on going as far as you did and next year Let's show them you can really get on top.

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TROOP SWIM CLASS

Do you know how to swim? Do you want to improve your swimming?

Join the Troop Swim Class which meets on Tuesday evening at the Olympic Swimming Pool.

EQUIPMENT LIST FOR SUMMER CAMPERS

If you have registered for Summer Camp read carefully the equipment listed below and start now securing the items of equipment you do not have.

Personal Equipment

Complete Scout Uniform
Sweater
Jacket
White wool socks
Raincoat or poncho
Swim trunks
Extra underwear
"T" shirts
Pajamas
Extra shoes - Leather
Duffle Bag
Haversack
Woolen Blankets or Sleeping Bag
Scout cook kit
Sewing kit
Canteen & cup
First aid kit
Handkerchiefs
Towels - Washcloth
Toothbrush & Paste
Soap & case
Comb & Brush
Camp mirror
Flashlight with extra batteries
Scout Handbook
Scout knife
Notebook & pencil
Old street clothes
Rosary & Prayer book
Fishing gear
Compass
Camera
Extra socks

Do not bring suitcases to Summer camp.

If you play a small musical instrument bring it along.

wildlife facts

SAFE DRINKING WATER

Most experienced hikers drink little water while on a hike.

An orange, lemon or a clean small pebble is good to suck when you are thirsty. But if you are to be gone any length of time and stop along the way for cooking, games or a rest period you are bound to want safe water to drink.

A sensible hiker never drinks water from an untested supply.

Unless you are sure the route of your hike includes a pure water supply, you must either take water with you in a canteen or be prepared to purify it on the spot.

How to purify water

1. Use two or three drops of tincture of iodine to one quart of water. Stir or shake and allow to stand for thirty minutes.
2. Boil the water for at least 10 minutes. Pour the water back and forth from one vessel to another for several minutes in order to aerate it.

Note: Boiling the water is by far the safest and best means of purifying water.

ARMY BLANKETS FOR SALE $$

Hurry! Hurry! before it is too late.

Good U.S.Army blankets for only $2.00.

These blankets are in excellant condition for this low price.

If your parents think these blankets are not worth the price, return them to us and we will refund your money.

The deadline for the sale of these blankets is May 21st, so get yours soon.

Scout Songs

SCOUT VESPER SONG

Softly falls the light of day,
As our campfire fades away,
Silently each scout should ask,
Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright?
Can I guiltless rest tonight?
Have I done and have I dared,
Everything to be prepared?

TAPS

Day is done,
Gone the sun,
From the lake,
From the hills,
From the sky,
All is well,
Safely rest,
God is nigh.